U.S. Department of Justice

Report of Investigation

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

Title of investigation:	Investigation Number:	Report Number:
MIDDLETON, Steven D. and MIDDLETON, Larry D. c/r	782015-09-0056	5

SUMMARY OF EVENT:

On June 9, 2010, agents from the Houston ATF Field Office Groups I and II, Beaumont ATF Field Office, deputies of the Trinity County Sheriff's office and the Texas Department of Public Safety served two federal arrest warrants at 212 Bette Street Trinity, Texas 75862, the residence of Larry Don MIDDLETON and Steven Daniel MIDDLETON, both convicted felons. Special Agent Stephen Bridgmon admonished Larry Don MIDDLETON and Steven Daniel MIDDLETON as per Miranda on this same date at approximately 0620 hrs and Special Agent Travis Gates witnessed.

NARRATIVE:

- 1. On June 3, 2010, The U.S. District Court Eastern Division of Texas issued two federal arrest warrants #1:10CR68-1 and #1:10CR68-2 for Larry Don MIDDLETON, and Steven Daniel MIDDLETON, both residing at 212 Bette Street Trinity, Texas 75862 for felons in possession of firearms.
- 2. On June 9, 2010, agents from the Houston ATF Field Office, Beaumont ATF Field Office, deputies of the Trinity County Sheriff's office and the Texas Department of public Safety served two federal arrest warrants at 212 Bette Street Trinity, Texas 75862, the residence of both Larry Don MIDDLETON and Steven Daniel MIDDLETON. The warrants were served at approximately 0600 hrs, and both suspects were arrested without incident.
- 3. Special Agent Stephen Bridgmon admonished Larry Don MIDDLETON and Steven Daniel MIDDLETON as per Miranda on this same date at approximately 0620 hrs and Special Agent Travis Gates witnessed. Both subjects were asked if they understood their rights and they stated that they did understand. Steven Daniel MIDDLETON'S girlfriend, Wendy Deann SMITH, W/F, was also present in the addition to the residence during this time.
- 4. While in the bedroom of Larry Don MIDDLETON officers noticed in plain view several live rounds of ammunition. Larry Don MIDDLETON stated that he wanted to abandon the ammunition that was left from the search warrant that was conducted by the Trinity county Sherriff's office on March 20, 2009. Special Agent Bridgmon obtained Larry Don MIDDLETON's signature on an ATF Form 3400.1 Notice of Abandonment of Property and Release of Claim that listed the assorted ammunition. S/A Bridgmon provided Larry Don MIDDLETON with a copy of this form.
- 5. Larry Don MIDDLETON'S wife, Linda Francine MIDDLETON, W/F, and a relative, Howard Allen MIDDLETON, W/M, were also present in the main residence during this time. Howard Allen MIDDLETON is currently on parole.

Prepared by: Stephen D. Bridgmon	Title: Special Agent, Houston I South Group/VCIT Field Office	Signature:	Date:
Authorized by: Larry D. Sanders	Title: Resident Agent in Charge, Beaumont Field Office	Signature:	Date:
Second level reviewer (optional): J. Dewey Webb	Title: Special Agent in Charge, Houston Field Division	Signature:	Date:

GOVERNMENT EXHIBIT 1:10-CR-68(1)

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- 6. Special Agents Bridgmon and Jauregui transported Larry Don MIDDLETON to the ATF Beaumont field office on this date for processing. Special Agents Gates and Wolfe transported Steven Daniel MIDDLETON to the ATF Beaumont field office on this date for processing. Both subjects were then transported to the Jefferson County Jail.
- 7. Special Agents Bridgmon and Parker counted and documented the assorted ammunition. The abandoned property was transported by Special Agent Bridgmon to the Beaumont Field Office and placed in the vault on 06/16/2010.

Attached: ATF Form 3400.1 Notice of Abandonment of Property and Release of Claim Arrest Warrant 1:10CR68-1 Arrest Warrant 1:10CR68-2



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